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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. WE DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO MOSCOW 18714 RE PROPOSED TWENTY-DAY TOUR BY INYURKOLLEGIYA LAWYER TO "CLIENTS" IN INHERITANCE CASES. TO BEGIN WITH, WE BELIEVE THAT ONE PREREQUISITE FOR AUTHORIZATION SHOULD BE FOR SOVIETS TO FURNISH A COMPLETE LIST OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE "CLIENTS". IT MIGHT BE INTERESTING TO TRY TO CHECK ON HOW THEIR NAMES HAPPENED TO GET ON THE SOVIET LIST. WE THINK THAT A SECOND PREREQUISITE SHOULD BE RECIPROCITY. UNDER THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS, THE PROPOSED TOUR COMES UNDER THE RUBRIC OF CONSULAR BUSINESS WITH AMERICAN CITIZENS. WE ARE OPEN TO IDEAS ON THE EXACT FORM OF RECIPROCITY WE SHOULD DEMAND, BUT ONE THOUGHT THAT JUMPS TO MIND IS A TOUR BY MOSCOW CONSULAR OFFICERS ON CONSULAR BUSINESS WITH SOVIET CITIZENS OF INTEREST TO US, I.E., FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND VISITOR CASES.

2. ON VISIT OF REPUBLIC MINISTERS OF CULTURE, HOPE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR GROUP TO MEET WITH ACTING SECRETARY. DYUZHEV MADE POINT OF COMING TO EMBASSY (HIGHLY UNUSUAL) TO PASS ON TO ME SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST THAT BARABASH BE RECEIVED AT
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"APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL" IN DEPARTMENT, POINTING OUT THAT BARABASH WOULD BE IN EFFECT AN ACTING MINISTER AT THE TIME OF THE WASHINGTON VISIT. LOGIC OF LATTER ASSERTION IS NOT WITHOUT BLEMISH, BUT SOVIETS DO SEEM TO PUT GREAT STRESS ON MEETING AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT THEY COULD BE ACCOMMODATED.

3. OUR BEST WISHES TO ALL IN SOV FOR THE NEW YEAR.MATLOCK

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